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Willow Grove, Penna.....Everybody complains about the high cost of doing business, including the government, but now the Administrative Management Society is doing something about it. To inspire Federal agencies to reduce the burden of paperwork they create, AMS has launched an award program to honor Federal employees who are helping to cut paperwork.

The 1966 Federal Paperwork Management Award will be presented at a banquet in the Nation's Capital on September 27. Some 800 business executives and government officials will attend.

Key speaker will be Elmer B. Staats, Controller-General of the United States.

Some 20 Federal agencies are vying for the Paperwork Management Award. Each of these agencies has nominated one of its people who during the last year has been instrumental in bringing about major reduction in paperwork cost, either within the government itself or for businesses that must deal with the government.

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A panel of judges is selecting the award winners from among the nominees. The judges are studying facts regarding actions taken by each moninee to cut paperwork.

It is estimated that by their actions taken during the past year, the 20 award nominees have saved the country's taxpayers \$80 million.

The actual winners of the AMS Paperwork Management Award will not be made known until the award banquet on September 27.

This is the second consecutive year that the Administrative Management Society has sponsored the Federal Paperwork Management Award. Last year, 6 award winners were named from among nominees submitted by 22 Federal agencies.

Says Robert Walter, Executive Director of the Administrative Management Society, "The AMS Federal Paperwork Management Award is designed to tie in with President Johnson's War on Waste campaign, and his drive for paperwork simplification in the Federal government. As administrative managers, we understand the problem on controlling paperwork costs, and we feel that every worthwhile government action in this direction should be recognized."

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